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In re Application of

Pierre LEBRETON et al.

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Cross-linking of Low-and High Molecular Weight Polysaccharides Preparation of Injectable

Monophase Hydrogels and Polysaccharides and

Hydrogels Thus Obtained

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

PETITION

Applicants hereby petitions for a 2-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of August 29, 2008. A check in the amount of \$490.00 in payment of the government fee for a 2-month extension of time is enclosed herewith so that the period for response is extended to January 29, 2009. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the present application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.